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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" சிரமம் இருக்கிறதென்பது தெரியும். சிரமத்தை நீக்குவதற்கு கனம் அங்கத்தினர்கள் உதவி செய்தால் அந்த சிரமத்தை சுலபமாக நீக்குவதற்கு உதவியாக இருக்கும்."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are Government aware that because of these Vigilance Committees and because of agents in remote villages that Policemen do not even go on beat and do not get their books signed? Will the Government see that these Policemen go to villages in uniform and get their books signed? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Government have not received any such complaint. But we have to bear in mind that the number of Policemen as compared to the area and population is very small in our country and therefore it is not only the Policemen who should be responsible for the maintenance of law and order, but the community as a whole also and it is only in this respect that we have constituted the Vigilance Committees. I am sure, Sir, it should be possible to utilize the services of these Committees very usefully."

SRI S. VADIVELU :—" போலீஸ் இலாகாவை பயன்படுத்திக்கொண்டு விஜிலன்ஸ் கமிட்டிகளிலுள்ள சிலர் கள்ளத்தனமாக சாராயம், பிராந்தி குடிக்கிறார்கள் என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? அப்படிப்பட்டவர்களை கமிட்டிகளில் சேர்த்துக்கொள்ளாமலிருப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் யோசனை செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" இதுமாதிரி பொதுவாக கேள்வி போடுவதினால் யாருக்கும் பயன் கிடையாது. கிராமங்களிலிருக்கக்கூடியவர்கள் அயோக்கியர்கள் என்ற தப்பான அபிப்பிராயம் உண்டாவதற்குத்தான் கனம் அங்கத்தினர் போடுவதுபோன்ற கேள்வி ஏதுவாக இருக்குமேயொழிய, எந்தவிதமான பிரச்னையையும் இது தீர்க்காது. கனம் அங்கத்தினர் சொல்வதுபோல் எங்காவது நடந்திருக்கிறதென்று குறிப்பாக கனம் அங்கத்தினருக்குத் தெரிந்திருந்தால் அதை சர்க்காரின் கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவரலாம்."

Closure of Wimco Match Company, Dharmadam.

* 1557 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Wimco Match Company of Dharmadam was closed on 1st January 1955, while an industrial dispute was pending before the Appellate Tribunal;

(*b*) if so, what action the Government propose to take against the management of the company for violating section 33 of the Industrial Disputes Act; and

(*c*) how many workers are now unemployed as a result of the closure of the factory?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Since the factory was closed for bona fide trade reason, no action against the management was considered necessary.

" (*c*) It is reported that 208 workers are unemployed as a result of the closure."

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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" My question is whether there was any dispute pending before the Industrial Tribunal; the answer to that being in the affirmative, may I know whether to close the factory without informing them constitutes a violation of the Industrial Disputes Act, and if so, whether it is the policy of the Government to permit this violation and if it is not the policy of the Government, whether the Government took any action against this violation of section 33 of the Act? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is not a question of any policy that the Government is pursuing or not pursuing; the Government have been advised by Legal Advisers that there have been decided cases by the High Court according to which no action could be taken against the management for closure due to *bona fide* trade reasons."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Sir, I see no reason why there should be failure of Match companies now. The Hon. Minister gave the reason for the closure of this Wimco branch as *bona fide* trade reasons and what are they? May I know whether there are other branches in this State that have also failed? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" In this particular case, I find that they were not able to get raw materials for economic prices."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the question is not whether the Government could take action for closure of an institution for *bona fide* reasons, but the question is whether it is legal for a factory management to act of its own accord when a matter is pending before the Appellate Tribunal."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, Government took the whole question into account and obtained legal opinion. The Government were advised that they could not take any action."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" சட்டத்தை மீறியதற்காக அந்த கம்பெனி மீது சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன். "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, so far as the Government are concerned, they do not think it necessary."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" As for the closure of the factory, may I know when the notice was put up by the factory, when it was actually closed and whether it is not the duty of the management to give proper notice to the workers and whether the management has given retrenchment benefits to the workers according to law? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, this factory intimated to the Government that it was proposed to retrench 208 workers with effect from 1st January 1955; one month's notice was given under the relevant provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act and the wages were also paid for

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the notice period, before the expiry of the one month. Government were advised that they could not take any action.''

Maistries in the anti-malarial scheme.

* 1558 *Q.*—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the scale of pay of maistries in the anti-malarial scheme;

(*b*) whether there has been any revision in the scale since 1947;

(*c*) whether the Government have any proposal to abolish the cadre of maistries and include them in the category of Field Assistants; and

(*d*) whether any representations have been made by maistries regarding the unsatisfactory conditions of service.

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—'' (*a*) Rs. 20—1—30.

'' (*b*) Yes, Sir.

'' (*c*) No, Sir.

'' (*d*) Representations were made by the maistries to the Director of Public Health.''

Compensation to constables for accidental deaths while on duty.

* 1559 *Q.*—Sri C. KANDASAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are paying any compensation to the families of the constables who meet with their death in accidents while on duty; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of the relevant Government Order on the table of the House?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—'' (*a*) No, Sir. But the families of Government servants, including police constables who are killed or die of injuries, received while on duty are eligible for pension and gratuity under the Madras Extraordinary Pension Rules.

'' (*b*) Does not arise.''

Veterinary hospital for Kattumannarkoil.

* 1560 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN (on behalf of Sri G. Vagheesam Pillai): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to open a Veterinary hospital in Kattumannarkoil in Chidambaram taluk; and

(*b*) if so, when?